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BE MINISTRED

concerning the *Admiralty*
in the County of
SUSSEX.

Anno Dom. 1640.



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Nprimis, you shall truly present without respect of persons, all such as have any time within these two years last, prophaned the Sundayes in going out to take Fish by themselves or their servants.

2 Item, you shall present all Pirates, Robbers, Murderers, Felons and thieves, that have committed any Piracy, Robbery, Murder or Felony upon the high Seas, or within any fresh water, Haven, River or creeke from all Bridges next unto the Sea within full Sea marke, on the Sea sands within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the County of Suffex, against any of the Kings Majesties Subjects or any other his friends or Allies, and of their Receivers, Counsellours, Ayders or Abettors, procurers, comforters or maintainers, either by words, rituals, Ships, Boates, Artillery, Ordnance, Gunne, powder, or any other thing, and the Receivers of their spoiles and buyers of Pirates goods.

3 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make, of all petty Pickers, petty Felons, and private Thieves, that breaketh any cofers, fardels, packes, Dry sats, chests or other like, upon board any Ship or other vessell, or that stealeth Dares, Anchors, apparell, tackle of any Ship or Boate, or any Fishermens nets, hooks, pots, Fish or other things.

4 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make, of all those that have taken any Ships, vessels, goods, or Prisoners upon the Sea, or elsewhere, for any matter done upon the Sea, or any other River, fresh water, or creeke within the Kings Majesties Jurisdiction of his Highness, said Admiralty in the County of Suffex, and have not presented the same in this Court accordingly.

5 Item, ye shall truly inquire and true presentment make of the slaughter of men, done and made by any Ship, vessell, or boate, or any apparell of them. And of all dead bodies found that have come to their deaths upon the Sea, or in any other Haven, River, fresh water, or

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Creeke, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty aforesaid, which have not bene presented in this Court (as it apperteineth) or that have had any Gold, Silver, Jewels, or other things found upon them, and the like presentment hath not bene made thereof.

6 Item, ye shall inquire, and true presentment make of all Riots, unlawfull assemblies, contempts, Concealments, riots, trespasses, frates, out-cries, blood-sheds, maimes, quarrels, menacings, or threatnings, Weapons-drawing, or any other act, crime, or trespassse, done and committed against the Kings peace, and Lawes of this Realme, upon the Sea, or upon any other Haven, Port, place, River, Fresh water or Cræke, within full Sea marke, or on the Sea sands, or else where from the first Bridge next unto the Sea within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the countie of Sussex in any Ship, vessel, or Boat, or upon the Sea sands within the foresaid Jurisdiction, and true presentment make of the offenders, their names and dwelling places.

7 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make of all them that have laden or doe use to lade any goods or merchandize, either upon the high Sea, or in any Haven, Freshwater, River or Cræke within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the countie of Sussex in or upon any Strange Bottomme, either within this Realme or without, where they might have had English Ships to serve them, according to the Lawes of the Realme.

8 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make of all them that have shipped, or laden any Ship, vessel, or Boate, lying upon the high Sea, or in any other Haven, Fresh water, River, or Cræke, from the first Bridge next unto the Sea, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the countie of Sussex, with Wheate Rye, Barley, Oates, Hault or any other Graine, and have transported the same beyond the Seas contrary to the Lawes of this Realme. And ye shall truly declare the names of the Merchants, owners and masters of such Cozne and Ships with the names of the same Ships.

9 Item, ye shall truly present, all them that have laden, shipped, delivered, carryed, sold, or conveyed any Wheate, Rye, Barley, Beanes, Hault, or any other Cozne, Tallow, Leather, Wasse, Lead, Candles, Cheese, Butter, or other Victualls, in any Ship, vessel, or Boate, out of the Realme into any other Realmes, from any Fresh water, River, Cræke, or place, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the foresaid countie of Sussex, contrary to the Lawes and customes of this Realme, whereby his Majestie hath bene deceived, and not paid his full customes and Subsidy, and the common wealth hurted.

10 Item, ye shall truly inquire, and true presentment make of all them

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them that either by day or night, lade any Ships or Vessels in secret Creeks or places (being no common or open Port) or that doe helpe to conuey and leade strangers Ships into any such private Creeks or place, whereby the secret Landing places on the Seacoasts may be known to strangers.

11 Item, ye shall present all Fishmongers Wodders and all other persons, that be soze-stallers or regraters or keepers of Markets upon the water or the Shores within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the county of Suffex, whereby the common wealth and the Markets bee abused, (That is to say) all them that soze-stall, regrate and buy any manner of goods, merchandize, or Victuals upon the water or Shores as aforesaid, before it come to the place, or Port where it is to be discharged and sold.

12 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all that cut or let slip any Boy, or Boyes rope whereby any Anchor is lost, or cut any Cable, or any Wackling of Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in any Haven, River, or Port, from all Bridges next unto the Sea within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the county of Suffex, whereby the Ship or Vessel cometh, or otherwise is in perill of hurt taking, or any man thereby in perill of life.

13 Item, ye shall inquire of all that send unlawfull Anchors, Cable or Wacklings, in any Ship or other Vessel to the Sea, whereby the same might stand in danger to be cast away, and the Mariners in perill of their lives,

14 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all manner of unlawfull Nets, or other Engines used by Fishermen, wherewith any manner or kind of Fish or fry of Fish is destroyed, to the hurt of the common wealth.

15 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all those that have dragged any Dyvers or Huscles or put them to sale at unreasonable times (that is to say) At times prohibited by the Lawes and customes of the Admiralty, all those that doe any hurt or annoyance to the Beds and Wood of Dyvers and Huscles; And also those that haue taken in sensered and ingrossed any Dyver plots or Beds for their private profit.

16 Item, ye shall inquire and present all them that haue carryed any Gold or Silver Bullion, or Plate in any Ship into any other Realme.

17 Item, ye shall inquire and present all them that haue found any Ship, Vessel, or Boat waiving on the high Seas or in any fresh water River or Creek, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty into the county of Suffex, without Owner, and haue not presented the same to this Court.

18 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all those that haue found upon the Sea, or any other River, Haven, fresh water or Creek, or else where by the Sea-side, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the

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county of Suffex, any *Flotomas*, *Ton*, *Pipe*, *Oyle*, *Wine*, *Wale*, *Crusse*, *Halls*, *Sayles*, *Parbs*, *Timber*, or any other manner of thing whatsoeuer it were, and haue not presented the same & them that such things possesse.

19 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all men that haue found in the bottome of the Sea, or in any other Hauen, Freshwater, *Riuer*, or *Cracke*, within the foresaid Iurisdiction any *Lagon*, as *Anchores*, *Gunnies*, *Pyon*, *Steele*, *Tynne*, *Lead*, or other mettall or things, *Gold* or *Siluer*, and haue not justly presented the same to this Court.

20 Item, ye shall inquire of them that haue taken any *Fish Royall*, or other *Fish* accustomed to the Kings *Majestie* and the Office of his high Admiralty of England (That is to say) *Whales*, *Ballens*, *Sturgeons*, *Grapes*, *Dolphin*, *Bozpole* or any *Fish* that is of great growth, or taken or reputed for a *Fish Royall*, and haue not presented (as it appertaineth accordingly).

21 Item, ye shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such *Partners*, *Saylers*, *Fishermen*, and all other *Watermen* which haue at any time before this, absented and witholdene themselves from any of his *Majesties* *Presses* or at any other time from the service for the Realme to serue in his highnesse *Saury*, and haue become retained servants with any man for that time, or haue receiued *Press money*, and so haue gone their wayes: name all such persons.

22 Item, ye shall present all idle *Partners*, *Saylers*, *Wherrimen*, *Littboat-men*, *Fishermen*, and *Bargemen*, that use any loytering, playing at *Dice* and cards, and haunt *Ale houses*, and *Wauernes* with idle company, and doe not continually follow and giue themselves to their Occupations, nor are content to serue in Continant for any reasonable wages: All such you shall by name specify and declare.

23 Item, ye shall present all those persons, which haue throwne any *Dung*, *chaunk*, *rubbish*, or noysome thing into the Sea or any sea passage, to the hurt of the same, within the foresaid Iurisdiction: Name the offenders therein?

24 Item, ye shall present all those, that haue cast any *Ancho* into the Sea, or *Riuer* without a *Boy* or marke upon the same, whereby danger hath or might ensue to any *Ship*, *Hell*, *Barge*, *Boate*, or mans body?

25 Item, ye shall present all those that take any to seruice in the craft or science of *Fishing*, but for terme of yeeres whereby they may haue their present knowledge and learning in the *Watercraft* and trade of *Fishing*.

26 Item, ye shall present all those that haue bene troubled, arrested or imprisoned any *Partner*, *Seaman*, *Fishermen*, or other persons, for any contract, *bargaine*, *trespasse*, *hurt* or other thing done upon the Sea in any

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Hauen, Fresh-water, River, or Créeke, within the Jurisdiction of the Kings Majesties said Court of the Admiralty in the county of Suffex, in any other court or place, in contempt of the Kings Jurisdiction of his Admiralty also; said. Enquire diligently for this and specify their names, surnames, and dwelling places?

27 Item, ye shall inquire diligently, and make true presentment of all such customes, orders, and usages, as haue formerly beene obserued in the Township, Villages, and places, in which you now generallly dwell, touching the taking of Cockles, and all those that haue broken any of the said customes or Orders within these Two yeres last past.

28 Item, ye shall present all those that haue privately sold at the waters side, or elsewhere, or carried to Market in Bags, or that selleth abroad in the countreyes, any small breeds or fry of Fish not marketable, or that haue taken any Fish before the accustomed time of taking thereof, to the great destruction of the increas of the Fish. Name the offenders in this point.

29 Item, ye shall diligently inquire and truly present, whether any Riddles, Stanks, Stakes, or Weares, haue bin or be newly erected, builded, used, and occupied in any Créeke, Port, Hauen, or other place unto the same adjoining within the Kings Jurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the countie of Suffex also; said, whereof let true presentment be made, declaring in what places, and by whom the same were or are so builded, made or used, how many there be in number: who be their owners, and what kind of young fry of Fish they doe commonly use to destroy, and when the time is to begin to fish, and to leane of by ancient custome.

30 Item, ye shall present the maner of the unlawfull Nets and other unlawfull Engines, used and occupied in the said Riddles and Weares.

31 Item, ye shall present all other ancient customes, Orders, and usages used and frequented in fishing trade amongst the old Fisher-men of the Townships, Villages, and places, in which you doe now generallly dwell, as well of the times, and seasons accustomed to fish, the names and Sizes of your Nets, as what kinde and sort of Fish are commonly taken by your labour from time to time.

32 Item, you shall inquire diligently and make true presentment of all such Fisher-men, as haue taken, sold, or brought to Markets in the high Sea, or in any Hauen, Freshwater, River, or Créeke within the Kings Jurisdiction of his Admiraltie, within the county of Suffex, below the lowest Bridges next to the Sea, any Bace, Pullets, Soales, Plaice, Flounders, Turbutts, or other Fish of a lesse assize, or scantling, then by your ancient customes, usages, or the law is allowed.

33 Item,

38 Of these and all other offences, but such as may be committed within the limits of any respect upon the Sea, or in any place or places belonging to the same within the Jurisdiction of His Majesty's Courts in or about the County of Suffolk, for the space of three years last past, or any of them, the said Commissioners are directed to inquire and true presentments make, upon the oaths of jurats of the said County, and the same to give in to the said High Court.

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